

TENANTS:

Co-Chairs President Courtney & Speaker Tina Kotek, Co-Vice Chairs Sen. Girod and Rep. Drazen, and members of the committee

Re: Support for extending eviction moratorium and the rental assistance program

For the record, my name is Tricia Wang and I live in Portland. I am one of the hundreds of thousands of Oregonians who is a renter and has struggled financially during the COVID pandemic. Thank you for working to extend the eviction moratorium and provide funding for rent assistance so that I do not pay the price of surviving this pandemic for the rest of my life.

I have never been late with a rent payment in my life, but COVID has brought a new reality. After 10 months of making just \$1,000 in monthly income due to reduced work hours, I have depleted my savings and incurred debt to pay my rent, and have been informed that no rental assistance is available to me now.

What will I do if I get evicted? I have no one to help me, and my income isn't enough to live on, and the prospect of finding more work isn't good now.

Oregon's renting families have hung on this long. We cannot take away their lifeline now. We promised Oregon renters that they wouldn't lose their homes during the pandemic. We need to keep that promise and I urge you to pass this important proposal.

Respectfully,

Tricia Wang

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